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## ELECTION IS LIKELY DURING CRITICAL STAGE IN WAR

### National Farm Convention Surveys Major Issues

#### OTTAWA'S EYES ON GREY NORTH--THE VOTE IS ON FEB. 5th

**Bitter Controversy Marks By-  
Election Campaign Where Three  
Parties Contesting**

#### FARM PROBLEMS

**Liberation of European Countries  
Will Bring New Market  
Situation**

By M. McDOUGALL  
(Special to The Western Farm Leader)

OTTAWA, Feb. 1st.—Domestic political history is these days in the making, with the dissolution of Parliament date still undetermined or at least unpublished, but somewhere "just round the corner". It is a favorite form of relief from the long strain of war for political circles in Ottawa to forecast the approximate or the exact date of dissolution, but at the time of writing it remains a Cabinet secret.

The point of especial interest is that it will be soon. That it should come at what will probably be a critical stage of the war, that all the bitterness of political partisanship should be let loose at a time when the combined forces of the Allies are bearing down on the cornered enemy and seeking to give the coup de grace to Nazi power, may to the average onlooker appear unfortunate.

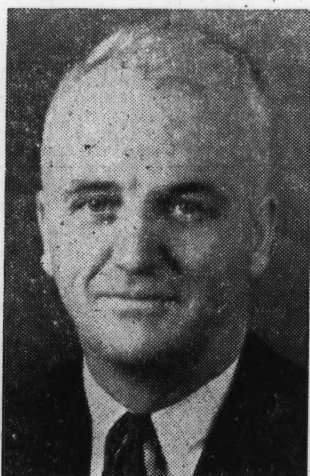
#### Will Not Be Extended

The point of course is that the situation in the world war coincides within a few weeks with the constitutional end of Parliament. We had an election early in 1940, and we are now in 1945 with the final day for dissolution April 17th. Unless the life of Parliament were extended by constitutional amendment, as it was in 1916—and it is not going to be extended this time—its life would automatically come to an end in April. The Government's prerogative of setting the dissolution date does not extend beyond then.

In the meantime, very naturally, the eyes of the capital are on Grey North with its by-election on February 5th. The three-cornered contest with General McNaughton, Minister of National Defence seeking a seat, opposed by Mr. Case, former mayor of Owen Sound for the Progressive Conservatives, and Air Vice-Marshal Godfrey for the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation, has been marked by bitter controversy. The by-election has been invested with a great deal of significance in the letters from the Prime Minister to the electors, and the result will undoubtedly be exploited by the party whose candidate wins as a favorable omen. Still it would be a pretty foolhardy

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#### U.F.A. President



GEO. E. CHURCH

#### Export Control Boards of New Zealand are Proving of Great Value to Producer

Various export control boards in New Zealand have made important contributions toward improving export-marketing methods, states Maurice Wright, in a survey appearing in the current issue of *Foreign Agriculture*, issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Acting as agents for the producers, they secured cheaper freight rates, better refrigeration, and better handling and storage methods in Britain (New Zealand's chief customer). New and improved grading was introduced and advertising made the British consumer aware of the quality of New Zealand products. Some of the boards entered the market, reduced competition among traders,

#### Aid French Co-operatives

GLASGOW.—Neil S. Beaton, president of the Scottish Co-operative Wholesale, is now in France on a mission designed to aid French co-operatives in the tremendous task of reconstruction which lies ahead of them. Mr. Beaton is a member of the executive of the International Co-operative Alliance, with which the French co-operatives were affiliated before the war.

and exercised complete control over the export marketing of their products. These functions have been gradually taken over by the Marketing Department of the Government.

Apart from oil seed crops, the total gross value of field crops in Canada in 1944 was \$1,288,058,000, states the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, compared with \$1,134,399,000 in 1943.

Of the £250,000 required for the establishment of a Co-operative College in Britain after the war, £30,000 has already been donated or pledged.

#### Commends Co-operatives

Declaring that "the co-operative movement for years had been an integral part of Alberta economy and that co-operatives had both the moral and active support of the government," a brief was filed with the Royal Commission investigating taxation of co-operatives by the Alberta Government. As chairman of the Advisory Committee on Co-operatives, Hon. J. E. Brownlee submitted the brief. During sittings in Calgary and Edmonton last week, the Commission took evidence and heard briefs from many co-operatives, and from spokesmen of private trade and industry.

France will maintain military forces along the Rhine after the war, declares General de Gaulle.

#### DELEGATES FROM COAST TO COAST ATTEND SESSIONS

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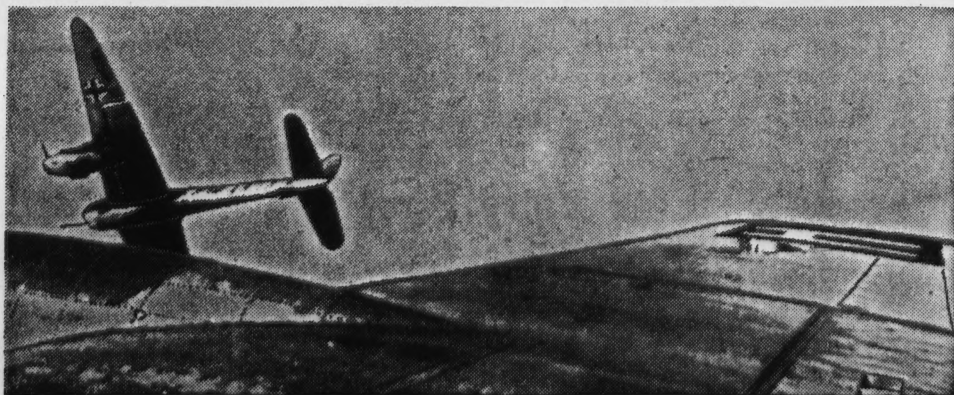
By AMELIA TURNER SMITH

"THE best Convention we've had", in the opinion of inveterate convention-goers, the ninth annual meeting of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture ended the fourth and concluding business session on a note of hopefulness for the future—a hopefulness tempered by the knowledge that most difficult tasks lie ahead and that the post-war world will be one of uncertainty.

This was doubtless due in part at least to the wit with which the second vice-president, J. A. Marion of Montreal, chairman of the session, enlivened the morning's proceedings. That Mr. Marion could be wise as well as witty was also quite evident; one instance was his summing up of the wheat situation, in his concluding remarks, in the passionate words, "There are still those who haven't enough bread, and until they are fed we haven't got too much wheat."

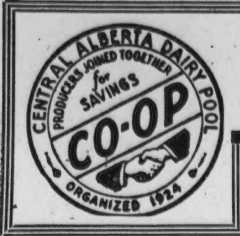
Business during the other sessions moved smoothly under the efficient chairmanship of the President, H. H. Hannam, and the First Vice-President, W. J. Parker, of Winnipeg. The Secretary-Treasurer, Colin G. Groff, (Continued on page 5)

#### Messerschmitt Barely Avoids Crashing Against Flying Fortress



In a furious dog-fight, this Messerschmitt fighter veers away from the Flying Fortress in a half-roll, after coming almost close enough

to scrape the paint off the big bomber. The photograph is one of the most remarkable taken in recent aerial fighting.



# Central Alberta Dairy Pool Section



"From the standpoint of need for education, broad training and varied skills, agriculture must from now on stand high alongside other vocations." President H. H. Hannam of the C.F.A., in his annual address at Regina.

## Egg Quality Most Essential

By HARRY PRICE, Manager Alix Creamery

The Dominion Government has just concluded, through a Special Products Board, a contract with the British Ministry of Food, to export in shell form 500,000,000 Canadian eggs, during January and the present month.

When we study for a moment this large number of eggs, and we possibly agree that this number of eggs is very large, we might overlook the amount of work entailed in handling this contract. The number exceeds the number of pounds of egg powder the British Ministry of Food have taken from Canada in 1944.

### "Canada" Stamped on Every Egg

On every individual egg sent to Britain the word "Canada" will be stamped, and this fact alone is very important in itself, not only to you, the producer, but to ourselves as well who are the operator. Think of this, 500,000,000 eggs to be distributed in British homes and eating places this year with the word "Canada" stamped on each egg.

Think what it offers you the producer, in having a share in this program, in producing quality eggs, and think what it offers Canada, in a very fine opportunity to make the British people conscious of a high quality Canadian food product. If we should

fail in sending the very best quality eggs, it could be more likely than not, that our future egg market would be seriously affected, and the Canadian egg industry take a very decided slump instead of advancing to a higher and more profitable level for the producer or poultryman in the future.

The Central Alberta Dairy Pool will be taking an active part in this export activity, and inasmuch as it is you members who make up the Pool, the responsibility, or a large part of the responsibility, rests on your shoulders, in seeing that we receive a very good quality egg from you.

### Must Be Highest Standard

Each egg marketed for export must speak more or less for itself, and this means that it must be of the highest standard in grade, size, etc., possible. We believe this can be done quite easily with your help, in going over or reviewing the methods you employ in handling your eggs on the farm. We feel that the fact you are shipping eggs shows you are in the poultry

## Announcement re Coronation Is Welcomed in Eastern Areas . . .

Veteran, Alberta.

Dear Fellow Members:

You will notice elsewhere on our page that an announcement has been made that the creamery at Coronation is now one of the operating units of our Dairy Pool. To many of us, especially all who live in any part of our territory from Castor east, this announcement is a particularly welcome one and on behalf of them, may I, as Director for this District, make these acknowledgements.

It wasn't my pleasure to be a member of our Board of Directors in the years 1939 and 1940, but I know from the records that during these years

try business to enjoy as much profit from your work as you can.

When an egg is sent to the grading point it is quite impossible for the operator to allow any more for it than what is based on the characteristic this egg shows, through an egg grading lamp—either fresh or stale, dirty shell or clean shell, large in size or small in size. We might mention numerous other characteristics relative to an undergrade egg, which, although seemingly small or insignificant, have proven however, if not handled immediately by the producer, to mark the difference between your making a profit in producing eggs or otherwise. It is with this latter thought in mind that we have set up a very simple yet important set of rules to assist our members, if they care to follow these rules, in a profitable egg production to them.

### Simple Set of Rules

1. Keep poultry house dry and at a comfortable temperature.
2. Keep clean fresh water in front of the birds at all times.
3. Keep the laying nests clean and sanitary.
4. Keep the litter clean and dry.
5. Keep the droppings board cleaned daily.
6. Keep the birds happy and working.
7. Feed grain twice daily—a small feeding in the morning and all they can eat in the evening, approximately one half an hour before they go to roost.
8. Keep the hens and hen house free from mites and lice.
9. Remove all sick birds away from the rest of the flock immediately noticed.
10. Collect eggs several times daily, preferably in an open wire basket, which will allow the air to circulate throughout the eggs in the basket.
11. When shipping eggs, make certain each egg is packed into the Keyes tray or egg filler, small end down. This is very important, because if the egg is packed with the small end up, the yolk will float to the bottom, and become fixed to the shell, causing it to break down in transit and deteriorate more rapidly.
12. Cull all birds that are poor producers; they pay better as dressed poultry than layers.
13. See that your eggs are clean and dry before they are marketed, and market them regularly. If it is found that you cannot market your eggs regularly, it is strongly suggested that you place your eggs in a temperature varying from 40 to 45 degrees. This is most important.

### Importance of Culling

We stop a moment to enlarge on the last two or three rules. In many (Continued on page 3)

our Director at that time, for District 7, Mr. Dick Fuite, Throne, Alberta, along with the other members of your Board of Directors, was interested in seeing one of our own plants in this area. All their attempts to bring this about were unsuccessful until now.

I would like our membership to know that it is to the Board's credit that having decided that a plant in this part of their territory was necessary, they never gave up, and thus today the plant is ours.

I think I should also make mention of the work that Mr. MacShane, our Past President, did just this last summer. His visit among us encouraged us greatly.

Coronation is in a fairly central location and will nicely serve a good sized area here in Eastern Alberta. It is our home and the home of many other loyal and interested members of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool. We in the East now feel more than ever before that we belong to a worthwhile organization, and it is up to us to make it as successful as it can be.

Co-operatively yours,

FRED R. DAVIS,  
Director.

Huge blocks of concrete constructed on the coast of Southern England in 1940 as anti-invasion defences are being built into a sea wall to protect the coastline against heavy seas.

## An Item of Special Interest to All Our Members

Your Dairy Pool is in its 20th year of business and for almost the whole length of time many loyal members living in the Eastern part of Alberta and in the Central Zone, in order to support and patronize and help build up our business, sent their cream and eggs all the way to Alix.

As far back as 1939 your Board of Directors, realizing that we should have a place in the Eastern part of our territory, did what they could to establish one there. It is almost six years since your Board made this decision, and it is now our pleasure to announce that effective February 1st, the creamery at

### CORONATION

will be operated as one of the units of the

**CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL**

## GRASS SEEDS

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Our Provincial Government, in order to protect farmers in Alberta, has reserved large quantities of grass seeds and they are being distributed at cost. The prices for them are very reasonable. All branches of our organization are actively interested in taking your order and in following it up to see that you get delivery of the grass seed that you can use.

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- Sweet Clover, White, Commercial No. 1
- Sweet Clover, Yellow, Commercial No. 1

We invite you to write us on this or contact your nearest branch of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool on same. They will be pleased to take your order and to receive your advance cash payment on this seed, which should assure you of delivery at the proper time.

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## Farm and Home Mechanics

By L. M. KILMISTER, C.E., Mech.E., A.M. Inst. E.Ts.  
Consulting and Practising Engineer

### Top Overhaul

(PART II)

Now take the cylinder head a few feet away from the engine and place it on a box or something like that and remove the carbon. This is a dirty job, and the less dirt there is around an open engine the better.

An old chisel or screwdriver is a good instrument for scraping off the carbon, but when doing the job take care that the scraper doesn't slip and go skating off over the machined part of the head or it will leave a score mark.

#### Labor Will Be Rewarded

When the carbon has been removed take a piece of coarse emery cloth, put a few drops of oil on it and polish the part from which the carbon was removed. This may seem like a rather unnecessary refinement, but it should be remembered that carbon sticks much more readily to a rough surface than to a smooth one, and labor spent on this job will be well rewarded.

The valve spring cotters and washers should now be removed and placed in a can containing a little gasoline to clean them. If a valve spring compressor is not at hand, a couple of old files can be used to take the springs' tension off the washer. Put the tangs in each side of the spring and lift up while someone holds down the head of the valve and removes cotter and washer.

Wash each valve spring as it is removed and examine it carefully, and if any of the springs appear to be weak you should discard them and get new ones. Valve springs are inexpensive, and they should be replaced even if they are only suspected of being weak for a faulty spring will make a great deal of difference in engine performance. Place the springs in order on a clean part of the bench and chalk their number alongside them, starting from No. 1 cylinder.

#### Inspecting and Cleaning Valves

The next job is to remove the valves and to inspect each one as it is lifted out, and if the stem is found to be warped or the face deeply scarred or pitted it should be discarded. If the valve is in good shape, scrape off any carbon that may be on the head, also any scale that may be underneath the head, and then polish the stem lightly with a piece of smooth emery cloth and oil. As each valve is inspected and cleaned, place it beside its own spring on the bench.

Following this, scrape off any carbon that may be in the valve ports, and if there are any very rough spots in the casting, smooth them off as much as possible with coarse emery cloth and oil.

When doing this job be careful not to injure the valve seat, and when you have finished with the emery cloth and oil, be sure to swab out the

port well with a rag dipped in gasoline.

Next, run a strip of rag dipped in gasoline through each valve guide several times to remove all gummy oil deposits that may be there, and when all the guides have been cleaned try each valve in its own guide after coating it lightly with oil. Any guides that show signs of excessive wear should now be taken out and replaced with new ones, as a worn guide causes sloppy valve action, and this in turn of course causes loss of power.

#### Replacing Guides

If it is found necessary to replace any guides, this is the next step, and a punch may be made for this purpose by taking an old bolt approximately the same diameter as the outside diameter of the guide and grinding down about half an inch of the end so that it will just fit in the guide, and then grinding down another couple of inches of the body of the bolt until it is slightly under the outside diameter of the guide. The end of the punch may now be inserted in the guide and the guide driven out by tapping the punch lightly with a hammer.

When installing new guides, be sure to get them started square in the hole, and then drive them home with light blows on the punch.

After the new guide is in position, inspect it to see if the punch left a burr on the end; if it did, remove the burr with the end of a round file or with a bearing scraper.

Remember: if it is found necessary to fit new valve guides this must be done before the particular valve concerned is ground in, for the valve must be fitted to the seat relative to the guide, and this can only be done if the guide in which it is going to operate is used when the grinding is being done.

(To be concluded)

*Note.*—Instructions for a Combination Level and Measuring Staff devised by Mr. Kilmister, will be made available to our readers through an article in the paper or by other means. Further announcement later.

#### C.A.D.P. SECTION (Continued from page 2)

cases the poultryman neglects to cull his flock, simply because he feels he does not know how to do so, or it is too much trouble. This is a very bad mistake, and although as with any other farming operation, to become efficient in this work of culling takes practice and experience, along with a good measure of patience, the primary practice and principles are very simple in all their forms.

Culling should be started when chicks are received and continue at regular intervals. Weak and sickly birds should be removed from the flock as soon as possible when noticed, and the ones that apparently are not developing should be marketed at once. After a pullet is placed in a laying pen, by using a trap nest it is possible for the poultryman to study his birds, and formulate a plan to tell the difference between a good layer and a poor one.

#### A Most Important Rule

The last rule, No. 14, we believe to be the most important rule we have given you, generally speaking, from the financial angle. Each year a great many dollars are lost to the poultryman, due to the producer marketing dirty shelled eggs. No matter how fresh an egg might be, or how large it may be in size, the fact is that if that egg is very dirty on the outside, it automatically drops into a C Grade. It has been our experience that the poultryman who takes extra care and pains, in cleaning his eggs before they

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are brought to market, finds that it pays good dividends beyond any doubt. Do not wipe your eggs with a wet rag or cloth; and do not wash your eggs in water. This practice is detrimental to egg quality, as the shell of the egg is porous, and the water will work itself through the pores into the eggs, with a lower grade resulting. We may say that we have just received a goodly supply of the Magic Egg Brush for hand cleaning dirty eggs, and we trust that our members will obtain one of these little worthwhile brushes. The cost is small. Get in touch with your local egg grading department to see how this little brush works.

HELP US TO HELP YOU, ever remembering that now is the time to establish a solid future egg market—that it is our individual duty to produce an egg, worthy of exporting to our neighbors overseas.

#### Is Prisoner of War

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Wood of Dewberry that their son F/O David Wood, who was reported missing some time ago, is a prisoner of war in Germany.

New regulations adopted by U.S. authorities for importing of livestock from Canada, effective February 1st, require certification of freedom from tuberculosis in the case of cattle from other than accredited herds or accredited areas and other than strictly range cattle.

Just five years after its first refinery went "on steam", Consumers' Co-operative Association (Kansas City, Mo.) produces enough refined fuels to supply the needs of all its members and is the world's largest co-operative producer of petroleum products.

## The Main Target

THE wheat pools are the main targets for attack at the sittings of the McDougall Commission. Opponents of the farm co-operative movement know what they are doing in following this course. They believe that if only they succeed in destroying the wheat pools or even in making them conform to a policy favorable to opponents, the smaller farm co-operatives can be easily handled. If they do manage to achieve success in their objective the farmers of Western Canada will be the losers.

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### NEW U.F.A. PRESIDENT

George E. Church, the new President of the United Farmers of Alberta, takes up the responsibilities of his most important office with the goodwill of all the farm people of Alberta who have been brought into contact with him—indeed of all people, of town or country, who know him. His generous and attractive personality, his wit and his gift for friendship, have made that certain.

For the office of chief executive of the organization, Mr. Church is qualified by many years of energetic, able, and untiring service. Fortunate in his parentage—his father, Mr. W. J. Church, is always interested in and ready to assist in promoting the cause of social progress—the new President has been a worker in the farm movement from his youth. His service began in the U.F.A. in his own district, where his organizing ability contributed much to the building up of a large and influential Local.

Only those who have been associated with him in the work of the U.F.A. Central Board and Central Office since he first became a Director in 1929, know how continuous and how tireless his service has been both in behalf of the Association and of the U.F.A. Co-operative, of which for the past five years or so he has been Chairman, succeeding Norman F. Priestley, now General Manager. Nor can those who because of barriers of distance are unable to see their Directors at work "in between" conventions, readily realize how much "hard plugging", wedded to ability and extended experience, is required in those who are entrusted with the direction of their affairs.

The U.F.A. Co-operative and its affiliates collectively are a monument to the devoted service of a goodly number of people—directors and Management and Staff—and Mr. Church, as Chairman, has made a notable contribution to the success of this expanding farmers' enterprise, as he has to that of the Co-operative Milk Company of Calgary, while he has given and is giving valuable service on the Board of the Alberta Livestock Co-operative and in the Alberta Federation of Agriculture. He is 54.

It is interesting to note, by the way, that the President of the Junior U.F.A., Mr. Rosenberger, is a son-in-law of the new President of the senior organization.

We are sure that our readers will join with us in wishing President Church, and the Association he heads, the best of fortune in the period ahead.

### TRIBUTE TO ROBERT GARDINER

It is difficult to convey in brief space a sense of the atmosphere of the notable gathering in Edmonton, after the close of the Annual Convention of the U.F.A., when tribute was paid to Robert Gardiner, past President and now Honorary President of the Association, by a number of those who have been closely associated with him in the work of the movement.

Owing to a severe cold, Mr. Brownlee was unable to be present. There was, however, in his letter expressing his regrets (which Mr. Edworthy read to the company) a message and a quotation from Tennyson's *Ulysses* that epitomised in great degree what had been said in different words by other speakers. It expressed the feeling of all. Mr. Brownlee wrote:

"I have known Mr. Gardiner for over a quarter of a century. I first knew him as a co-worker in this great farm organization in the days when Mr. H. W. Wood was President. The upheaval of 1921 threw us both into the political field, Mr. Gardiner going to the larger Dominion field, while I took up work

in the smaller arena of Provincial politics. In the years that followed I made many trips to Ottawa, during which I met Prime Ministers, Cabinet Ministers, Members of Parliament and members of the Press Gallery. From all I heard nothing but the highest praise for the men whom this farm organization had sent to Ottawa. No finer or abler group ever sat in Parliament. And of that group no man was held in higher esteem than Robert Gardiner.

"I have been privileged to know him more intimately as President of the U.F.A. During his term in that office I have been a constant admirer of his keen analytical mind, his soundness of judgment and his constant devotion to the movement which he led and to the cause of Western Agriculture. The life of Western Canada has been enriched by his efforts.

"I am sure his friends will be pleased that as Honorary President of the organization he will not lose touch with the movement which occupied so large a part of his life. The years before us will bring problems that will call for ripe judgment and wise experience. Relieved of the burden of office, he still remains a watchman on the Watch Tower. There will be much for him to do.

"I would like to give to him a message. It is contained in a poem that is a favorite of mine. In it Tennyson puts these words into the mouth of a great warrior of Greek mythology, who at an advanced age, still cannot rest from travel and effort:

*"The lights begin to twinkle from the rocks;  
The long day wanes: the slow moon climbs; the deep  
Moans round with many voices. Come, my friends,  
'Tis not too late to seek a newer world,  
Push off, and sitting well in order smite  
The sounding furrows; for my purpose holds  
To sail beyond the sunset, and the baths  
Of all the Western Stars until I die."*

"And with that thought I express the hope on behalf of the Board of United Grain Growers, Limited, as well as from the bottom of my heart, that our good friend will find in the years before him an opportunity to serve our common cause greater than any he has yet had."

### WE LIVE AND LEARN

Some of the witnesses for non-co-operative business who are appearing before the Royal Commission now touring the West are giving the world valuable instruction concerning the limits that should be imposed upon the development of the co-operative principle. For instance, one witness declared in Calgary that a co-operative ceased to be a "true" co-operative if it went into the field of "processing".

Well, there is Denmark; there are the vast "processing" enterprises owned by the British Consumers' co-operatives. Not "true" co-operatives? If only the organizers of the Rochdale Centennial had been able to learn from this Calgary witness in time, they might have hesitated to hold their celebrations.

Through its Advisory Committee on Co-operation, the Alberta Government has made a valuable submission to the Royal Commission, strongly supporting the co-operative idea.

Speaking at the C.F.A. Convention, J. G. Taggart, Chairman of the Agricultural Prices Support Board, expressed the opinion that there are today no sufficiently sound and accurate data available on costs of production of farm products. It is time to begin, then, the research into production costs which Robert Gardiner has been advocating for some time past.



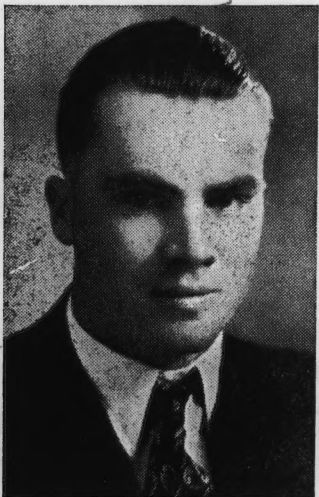
## Vigor, Confidence, Enthusiasm Shown at U.F.A. Convention

### Major Issues Discussed and De- cisions Arrived at—Best Recent Convention

Most largely attended Convention of any held in recent years—with a delegation of 267 and many visitors—the Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta, whose earlier sessions were reported in our last issue, proved one of the most successful. It was characterized by enthusiasm, confidence in the future of the organization, well-balanced discussion of the important issues which the delegates were called upon to decide.

#### Taggart on Price Support Policy

Looking to the post-war years, the Convention heard with deep interest addresses by authorities on Dominion Government policy and upon the economics of agriculture and national policy as a whole. These included J. G. Taggart, Chairman of the Agricultural Price Control Board, who advised Canadian farmers that they cannot expect to see floor prices maintained for agricultural products without paying some price for these benefits. "If we can find a way to forestall 30, 40 and 50 cent wheat prices," he



**EUGENE O'NEIL**  
Re-elected U.F.A. Vice-President.

said, we might have to forego \$3 wheat. Representatives of the various farmer co-operatives, reporting to the Convention as fraternal delegates, gave most valuable detailed information upon the progress they have made. Speakers included S. S. Sears, Director of United Grain Growers, John Fowlie, representing the Alberta Wheat Pool; Hugh Allen, President of the Alberta Livestock Co-operative; J. A. Wood, President of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool; Edward Peterson, for the Alberta Co-operative Wholesale; K. V. Kapler, for Alberta Poultry Producers, Ltd.; John Brown, President of C.C. I.L.; George Bradley, Manager Maple Leaf Petroleum Ltd. From the Alberta Farmers' Union, L. E. Pharis brought greetings and good wishes, and an expression of desire for eventual amalgamation. (Continued on page 12)

#### CANADIAN FEDERATION (Continued from page 1)

acted capably as secretary of the meeting.

#### Two Hundred Attend

While some two hundred delegates and visitors from farm organizations throughout Canada took part in the various discussions, the actual responsibility of expressing by vote the stand of the organized farmers of the country was limited to the directors. Of these, three men represented each of the Federations of Agriculture of Ontario, Quebec, Saskatchewan, Al-

berta and British Columbia; one the P.E.I. Federation and two the Maritime Federation (including Nova Scotia and New Brunswick organizations); Quebec organizations were represented by R. S. Law, Winnipeg; the Canadian Horticultural Council by L. F. Burrows, Ottawa; and the Dairy Farmers of Canada by R. H. M. Bailey, Edmonton. Alberta representatives were Lew Hutchinson, Duhamel, and W. C. McKenzie, Lethbridge; (the third, Norman F. Priestley, Calgary, was attending the U.F.A. Annual Convention, held the same week in Edmonton.) Geo. G. Coote, Nanton, was present in his capacity of Honorary Secretary.

#### Minister Surveys Farm Prospects

Following the presentation of the report of the President, H. H. Hannam (summarized in our last issue) and the Secretary's report, presented by Colin G. Groff, the meeting heard an address by Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Federal Minister of Agriculture. Mr. Gardiner surveyed the whole field of production, marketing and price levels of the principal farm crops of Canada. Recounting the history of Canadian exports of hogs to Britain since 1935, he declared that it had been proven that this country could supply these products both in quantity and quality required. With the contract extended to include 1946, at present prices, Mr. Gardiner said, Britain was asking for at least 600,000,000 pounds next year. Farmers who could profitably do so, under existing conditions, were being asked to continue to produce hogs.

The Government had felt compelled to close the door to the U.S. market in 1942, said Mr. Gardiner, in order to supply beef to the Canadian and British markets. In 1944, 255,000 head of beef had been shipped to Britain, and the existing agreement carried to the end of 1946.

Dealing with dairy products, Mr. Gardiner said that more butter had been produced in Canada in 1944 than in any year except 1943. The bigger domestic demand showed the extent to which the farmer is dependent upon the purchasing power of labor.

#### "Too Much for Own Good"

As to wheat, we have "too much for our own good," declared Mr. Gardiner. Wheat acreage should be held down, he suggested, so far as could be done by substituting other crops and practising good farming by summerfallow.

Canadian farmers would have to produce for known markets, in the Minister's opinion, chiefly the U.S. and Britain. Both were "hard traders" and Canada must be prepared to take their products in return.

The Agricultural Prices Support Act was a recognition that farmers on family farms were not making quite as much money as they were entitled to, said Mr. Gardiner, and a fund of \$200,000,000 had been set up to support prices.

Mr. Gardiner paid tribute to the services of Mr. Hannam, as Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Agricultural Affairs.

#### Urges Quota Delivery System

Later, J. W. Wesson, President of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, took issue with the Minister on the proposal to reduce wheat production by acreage cuts, quoting statistics of acreage and production to support his contention. He advocated restriction of deliveries, and holding of surplus supplies on farms; this view was upheld by the meeting which passed a resolution (moved by Geo. G. Coote, seconded R. S. Law) recommending to the International Wheat Committee that in regulation of supply "an exporting nation be given the right to restrict its marketed volume by applying the quota system to deliveries from the farm relative to the national quota under the agreement, and compelling retention upon the farm of unmarketable wheat, as an alternative to compelling a reduction in the acreage sown; and further, that when a minimum world price is established, it should be on a level which will establish a proper value for this im-



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The meeting also asked that the Canadian Wheat Board be continued as the sole marketing agency for wheat, with an initial payment during 1945 and 1946 of not less than \$1.25, and that the Wheat Board take delivery of not less than 280,000,000 bushels each year. Other resolutions recommended handling by the Wheat Board of coarse grains and flax.

Urging the necessity for international agreements for the sale of farm products, W. J. Parker argued against the contention that low prices were an aid to export; low prices alone would not find markets, he said, instancing the experience of former years when wheat, at low price levels, was still being accumulated in huge quantities in Canada.

#### Floor Prices

Leading a discussion on floor prices, J. G. Taggart, chairman of the Agricultural Prices Support Board, outlined the two methods open to the Board of outright purchase or of subsidy. An examination was being made into the history of prices, in preparation for establishing of price levels; costs of production must enter in, but in his opinion there are no sufficiently sound and accurate data available on these; parity prices, based on some previous period, would not alone be a sufficient guide; but these factors must be considered, as well as the maintenance of supply.

By resolution the meeting asked that floor prices become part of Canada's permanent agricultural program; that the Federation be consulted on appointments to floor prices boards; that a floor prices program be placed in effect at once; and that floor prices apply to the primary producer's product.

Government "interference" in marketing, provided the government were democratically constituted, was far preferable to "free" enterprise, with its lack of responsibility and with enterprise on the lowest levels setting

the pace, declared R. J. Scott, of Toronto, speaking on "A Marketing Program". The present system of marketing, he said, was perhaps the best synchronized method ever known in Canada.

The meeting re-affirmed the adherence of the Federation to the general principle of legislation for (Continued on page 13)

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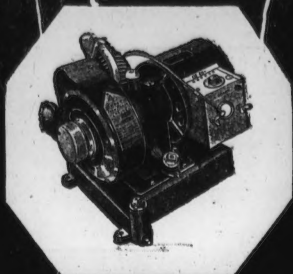
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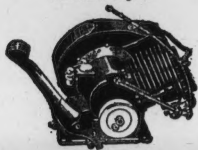
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working again," he said. "Things are very difficult, particularly in regard to transport, because so many bridges are down, roads blocked, and so on."

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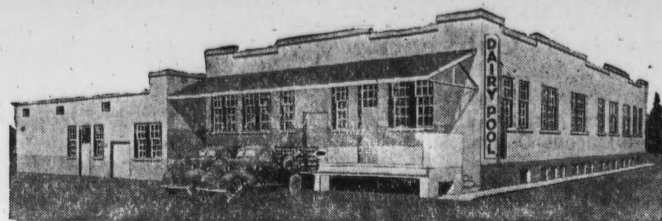
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Your Board of Directors have taken this step in response to many requests from our members in the Hanna district for a Pool plant closer to their source of production. It will prove a beneficial extension of our Pool activities, not only for our old members, but also for all producers in the district who will be joining with us in our efforts to better the economic condition of the primary producer. Watch this page for further announcements.

Yours fraternally,

*Wm Burns*

President

### Final Cream Payments---Member Appreciates

To receive from a member an appreciation of the value of membership in the Pool, is always gratifying to those who are responsible for the conduct of your co-operative—the President, Board and Management and Staff. It is especially encouraging to all when, as in the letter published below, the member states in concrete terms the value of the concrete benefits which the Pool has brought to him:

Hussar, January 12th, 1945.  
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Dear Mr. Toppenberg:

I acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the Final Payment for cream shipped during the fiscal year 1943.

This payment being made at the height of the Christmas Season was particularly appreciated by the good wife, who, as Treasurer and Speaker of the house, as well as chief washer of milk utensils, is vitally interested in additional folding money from cream.

#### Memory of Hungry "Thirties"

The memory of the hungry "Thirties" is still vividly in our minds, when returns from cream shipments were so heartbreaking and discouraging that some of us began to doubt the correctness of grade, test and weight of cream delivered; and others of us were even attracted by the tempting higher prices of the competitors (disregarding their higher deductions for Express).

The Board of Directors deserve special mention for having implemented, as soon as financial conditions permitted, (running in the red in the terrible Thirties precluded this),—the true principle of the Co-operative enterprise, namely the Patronage Dividend.

Co-operative movements have been organized to create and serve, and not to exploit. Today the competitive trade is directing a verbal barrage and organized attack on the Co-operative movement. However, all this fog and dust in the air can't hide the fact that the profit motive must give way to the service motive. If our present day civilization is to endure, organized chaos and regimented confusion must be supplanted by a Christian spirit of Co-operation, and that is what we are trying to implement in our Co-operative organizations.

When I recently asked a wounded

returned soldier if he could notice any changes in us after having been at the front for over four years, he replied: I was struck by the selfishness and egotistical trend apparent everywhere. Greediness and petty jealousies seem to be the motivating

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### S.A.D.P. SECTION (Continued from page 1)

forces. At the front, he said, in the face of common danger, we shared, helped, co-operated, valued and appreciated and reciprocated thoughtful gestures and warm, kind actions. The spirit was "all for one and one for all". The law of the jungle has no place in a new Christian order which must be based on co-operation.

The Management and Staff, in handling an increased volume in butter manufactured of over 400 per cent since 1937, did a remarkably efficient job, considering the stationary, limited premises in which this was accomplished. The wife and I appreciated at all times the courteous and friendly spirit of the staff and management in dealing with their patrons.

May the New Year continue in the upward trend of the S.A.D.P., so that when peace reigns once more the words of the great teacher of Nazareth may be fulfilled: "I have come that you may have life and have it more abundantly."

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) FERD. J. MULLER.

(The second instalment of Mr. Toppenberg's article on Rural Electrification is held over until next issue.)

### CREDIT UNIONS BRANCH OUT

**TORONTO.**—A group of credit unions here has established the Credit Unions Mutual Benefit Association, for the purpose of providing its members with hospitalization, sick benefits, and, later, complete medical service. All members of credit unions in Ontario are eligible for hospitalization, provided the credit union to which they belong enrolls a minimum of 25 members in the association.

### OTTAWA LETTER

(Continued from page 1)

prophet who would say that one swallow will make a summer for any one of the three parties.

In Eastern Canada the severe winter, with its heavy snows, has made transportation very difficult in rural districts, but it is pointed out that the heavy snowfall of early winter gives some assurance of good pastures and protection to winter crops. If it doesn't flood too quickly before frosts are over, needed water will be provided for rivers and streams that are extremely low through lack of rain in the summer months. One of the detrimental effects of the snowfall, however, aside from hampering timber operations, is that it will handicap the gathering of sap for making maple syrup. This will be a hardship to many farmers because of the tightened sugar situation.

### New Self-Sufficient in Seed

The discussion that has been going on between the Minister of Finance and the Government of Saskatchewan over the \$16,000,000 seed bill, and which seems still not settled, brings to the fore the general situation in this country. The war has brought this country after a period of difficulty to the posi-

## Robert Gardiner Guest of Honor

Complimentary Luncheon Given by  
U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Boards

At a complimentary luncheon given by the Boards of the U.F.A. and U.F.W.A., in the Corona Hotel, Edmonton, on the day after the Annual Convention, Robert Gardiner, President of the Association for 14 years and now its first Honorary President, was the guest of honor. High tribute was paid to him for the services which he has given to the organization and to the farm people of the Province and Dominion during a long career. President George E. Church was master of ceremonies. He spoke of the great value of the counsel and guidance which Mr. Gardiner had given during his Presidency.

The men's and women's Boards, it was announced, would make a presentation to Mr. Gardiner of an easy chair; while in behalf of the U.F.A. as a whole and of the U.F.A. Central Co-operative, Victory Bonds were presented, a bond for such an amount also being the gift of United Grain Growers.

S. S. Sears, Director of the United Grain Growers, speaking in behalf of R. S. Law, President of the Company, recalled days of early association with Mr. Gardiner in the U.F.A. Movement; and George Edworthy, Manager of the Company, after reference to his own happy relationships with Mr. Gardiner, presented a letter from the Vice-President, J. E. Brownlee, K.C., regretting his inability to be present. This letter is published elsewhere.

Mrs. Winifred Ross, President of the U.F.W.A.; Norman F. Priestley, a former Vice-President of the U.F.A.; I. V. Macklin and Jonathan M. Wheatley, former Directors, and W. Norman Smith, spoke in tribute to the guest of honor.

### Mr. Gardiner Replies

In the course of his reply Mr. Gardiner expressed thanks for the support he had received from the Boards and Staff, and said he would be only too glad to do anything he could for the Association when called upon in the future.

Mr. Gardiner had been particularly grateful for the manner in which, when he himself had been able to give only limited service, owing to pressure of Parliamentary duties when he was a Member of Parliament at Ottawa, Mr. Priestley had taken over his work and responsibility.

tion where it is no longer so dependent on Europe for its seeds. When the war started, many garden seeds had to be imported from European countries where they could be produced cheaper. When the sources of supply were invaded and supplies cut off, Canadian farmers with the assistance of experimental farms and agricultural colleges, set about the production of seed, and this country now not only produces what it needs, but has seed of higher quality and greater virility than that formerly imported, for export to Europe.

### Extend Tree Planting

At this season of the year, agricultural authorities are impressing on Western farmers the importance of extending their shelter belts of trees by getting more of the young trees from the stations at Indian Head and Sutherland. As is well known, the shelter belts aid in preventing soil erosion, in cultivation of gardens, and in raising bees, as well as improving the appearance of the farms and in making farm life more tolerable. The stations, since they first began to operate, have distributed over 250 million trees, and have now reached a point of development where they can send out more than ever before.

### Europe Farm Economy and Future

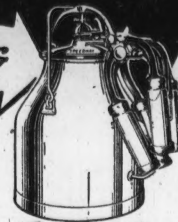
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situation in Europe with the time approaching when the agricultural economy of Western Europe will be restored. Those nations which made a specialty of breeding hogs to supply the taste of the British household which wanted its Wiltshire sides of special quality, will again be producing and selling. In the advanced registry test stations, Canada follows the same breeding tests as Denmark and Sweden, although this country does not depend entirely on the Landrace breed, but selects the most useful strains of the Yorkshire and Landrace. Litter testing, which is so important, is not carried out by many Canadian producers with the same care as the Danes, who produce bacon hogs of great uniformity in finish, weight and type.

There is absolutely no intention of resuming tea and coffee rationing, state WPTB officials.

Charge is made by Hon. C. M. Fines, Provincial Treasurer of Saskatchewan, that the Federal Government's demand for payment of the seed grain debt (incurred in 1938) within the next five years is made for the purpose of embarrassing Canada's first C.C.F. government.

### Smut Losses Avoidable

In oats and barley, as well as in wheat, smut diseases cause enormous losses which are, for the most part, avoidable, says Dr. K. W. Neatby, Line Elevators Farm Service, in a recent bulletin. In the Prairie Provinces, barley is subject to three different smuts, and oats to two. Formalin and organic mercury dusts may be used to control all except true loose smut, which responds only to the hot water treatment. Particularly when the infestation is severe, formalin is often more effective, but should not be used on weak seed or when a rapid growth is required to offset wireworm damage, disease, weeds and soil drifting, or if the seed is cracked or damaged. In using mercurial dust, it is very important to secure a uniform distribution, says Dr. Neatby, quoting from the proceedings of the Manitoba Agronomists' Conference, 1944, to the effect that the efficiency of the machines used for this purpose should be increased.

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### Against Taxation of Co-ops

The C.C.F. in British Columbia, in a brief presented to the McDougall Royal Commission, opposed taxation of co-operatives.

In the U.S. in 1943, 2,500 local co-operatives provided seed purchas-

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9:30 Drama	9:30 Farm and Home	2:30—Church of the Air

## WAR DIARY

Jan. 18th.—German radio says Russians at Silesian border. British advance 3 miles into Germany, near Hongen; U.S. forces cross Sure river.

Jan. 19th.—Russians take Krakow. Nazis advance in Alsace; British score further gains, north of Aachen. In Pacific Superforts raid Honshu island.

Jan. 20th.—Russians take Tilsit, East Prussia, advance along whole Eastern front. German thrust in Alsace drives Americans back. Moscow announces truce signed with Hungary by U.S.S.R., Britain, U.S. Eighth Army takes enemy strongpoint 13 miles north of Faenza, Italy.

Jan. 21st.—Russians take Tannenberg, East Prussia, advance 19 miles into Silesia.

Jan. 22nd.—Russians take Gniezno, 165 miles east of Berlin. U.S. bombers blast Ruhr objectives in blizzard, following R.A.F. night attacks. Americans take Tarlac, 65 miles from Manila.

Jan. 23rd.—Russians reach Oder River, in Silesia. Allied forces take 21 towns on Western front, Germans in retreat, lose 4,583 pieces heavy equipment by Allied air attack, in two days.

Jan. 24th.—Russians take Kalisz in Poland, advance in Czechoslovakia. British advance towards Roer river, take Heinsberg, R.A.F. hammers retreating Germans. Americans within ten miles Clark Field, on Luzon. Further Allied landings reported in Burma.

Jan. 25th.—Russians capture Oels, Gleiwitz, Chrzanow, cross Oder river. Germans open new offensive in northern Alsace. British move to within mile of Roer river. Americans cut down Ardennes salient, Allied planes continue destruction Nazi transport. Washington announces loss of troopship, 765 men, "in European waters".

Jan. 26th.—Americans take Clark Field, on Luzon. Russians take Hindenburg, in Silesia; reach Bay of Danzig, cutting off East Prussia. British, Americans, hold west bank of Roer from Holland to south of Duren.

Jan. 27th.—Russians advance to Obra River, Americans wipe out last of Ardennes "bulge". Japs strengthen resistance as Americans reach central plain of Luzon. British take Ondaw, 15 miles from Mandalay.

Jan. 28th.—Russian drive continues; advance columns in Brandenburg province, says Berlin. British 15 miles inside Germany, in Ruhr offensive; Americans 4 miles beyond St. Vith. Allied bombers resume offensive, in clearer weather. Memel, on Baltic, taken by Russians.

Jan. 29th.—Russians surround Schnedemuhl, cutting Berlin-Danzig railway, say Germans; evacuation of Kreuz, 103 miles from Berlin, admitted. American bombers attack German rail yards, following R.A.F. bombing of Berlin. First Convoy reaches China over new Ledo-Burma road. Superforts bomb Tokyo, also Izu Islands, 200 miles to south.

Jan. 30th.—Three-pronged Russian drive aimed at Berlin; Germans say one army 12 miles inside Brandenburg, about 80 miles from Berlin. R.A.F. attacks German transport moving from Holland toward Germany. Americans seize three miles Siegfried Line fortifications, Berlin says Canadians attack south of Rotterdam, British on Roer, southwest of Dusseldorf. Churchill, Roosevelt, Stalin now meeting, says Swiss broadcast.

Jan. 31st.—Russians advance on 160 mile front, are 55 miles from Berlin, 50 from Stettin, says Berlin; cross Oder north and south of Breslau; have taken 337 major towns in 19 days. Snowstorm reduces air activity, western front. Americans recapture Bataan, cut Jap forces on Luzon into four pockets. Churchill, Eden, have left England, revealed.

## Good Advice from "Good Neighbor"

Dr. Tolley at the C.F.A. Convention in Regina

In the big dining room of the Hotel Saskatchewan, in Regina, delegates and visitors who were guests of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool had finished their bountiful meal, had drunk the King's health with musical honors, had sung a few songs "community" style and heard a few others given from the platform with more musical finish if not more enthusiasm, and had resumed conversation with their neighbors. Gradually silence fell, as the gathering became conscious of the chairman, Mr. J. H. Wesson, standing at the microphone, watch in hand, his gaze fixed on a table in a distant corner of the room. Then a low voice was heard from that same distant corner, and the orchestra began to play "The Star Spangled Banner". As we rose to do honor to the national anthem of our ally and good neighbor, we murmured to each other "we are on the air".

Dr. Howard R. Tolley, chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U.S. Department of Agriculture, was the speaker of the evening, and the broadcast had been arranged for his address.

### Along Similar Lines

Agriculture in the U.S. and Canada had developed along very similar lines, said Dr. Tolley, and now faced very similar problems. Of primary importance to the industry, in both countries, was the ensuring of full employment at good wages; also in both countries, was the pressing need for international action to expand international trade.

"Two-thirds of the world's people are engaged in agricultural production," he declared, "yet two-thirds of the people of the world never have enough to eat." Importing nations must have equal voice with exporting nations in working out agreements for trade in farm products, and full consideration must be given to working out ways and means of increasing consumption. Secondly, concerted action must be taken with enough commodities to ensure some degree of stability and effectiveness in expanding the economy of the world.

Dr. Tolley outlined the main elements of a workable program for international collaboration, declaring that the trend towards increased government control had extended into international trade. Such international action, he suggested, must have as its objectives the stabilization of international exchange, expansion of international investment, development of food and agricultural programs, and expansion of international trade.

—A.T.S.

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## Year of Expansion Shown in Report of U.F.A. Co-operative

### Distribution of Gasoline and Lubricating Oils Continues Major Activity

The distribution of gasolines and lubricating oils continues to be a major activity of the U.F.A. Central Co-operative Association Limited, stated the report presented to the Annual Convention. A total of 6,578,615 gallons of petroleum products was sold during 1944, as compared with 5,192,082 gallons in 1943. The increase for the petroleum products industry in the Province as a whole was 129 per cent, whereas the Co-op's increase was 16 per cent; and Maple Leaf Petroleum, Limited, suppliers to the Co-op, hold fifth place among active distributors in the Province.

#### Stores Increase Business

As reported in our last issue, total sales of the Co-op for the fiscal year ended October 31st last were upwards of \$2,500,000. The Calgary store, opened in 1940, achieved a total turnover of \$492,465.50, an increase of 12 per cent over the previous year. Plans have been made to enlarge the warehouse and office space in 1945. Two new branch stores were opened during the year, at Oyen, which had a business of \$29,329 for eight months, and at Big Valley, which had a business of \$5,982 for 4 months. The other branch stores reported total business as follows: Medicine Hat, \$144,244; Drumheller, \$93,630; and Chinook, \$36,323.

Handling of binder twine, posts, coal, etc., through the stores and through Locals, was carried on in face of wartime difficulties of obtaining supplies, and, in the case of coal, of refusals from the Coal Controller to grant licenses of Locals.

Four carloads of prefabricated granaries were sold.

#### Members' Loan Fund

A Members' Loan Fund has been established for the purpose of raising necessary capital to purchase or establish branch stores. Members are asked to loan capital for a period of ten years, loans to be returned in ten equal instalments with interest at 3 per cent per annum.

As authorized by the Annual Convention of 1942, dividends earned are being retained and payment deferred under the revolving door principle, the amount for 1942 and 1943 being \$54,491.

Affiliation with the Alberta Co-operative Wholesale was completed in June last, stated the report, in the interests of co-operators of the Province.

Under the heading of "Education and Publicity" the report describes steps taken to make available, particularly to Locals in the more isolated districts, moving pictures including fine documentary films from the National Film Board. The Co-operative now has an up-to-date picture machine, with sound, in addition to two silent machines, silver daylight screens, etc.

#### Officers of Co-operative

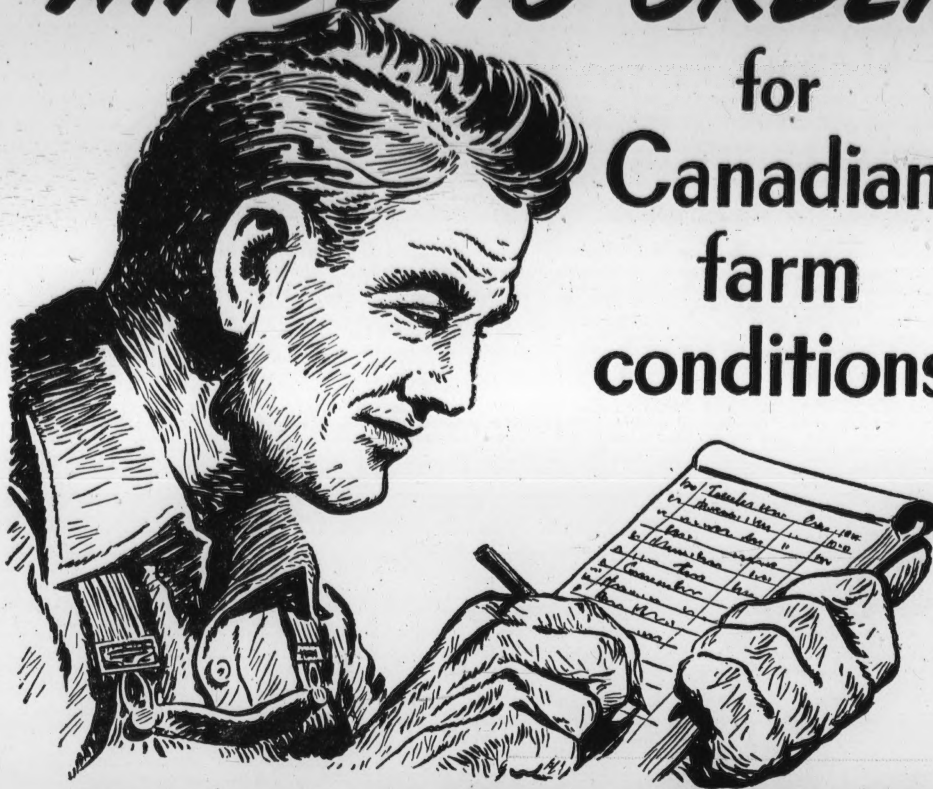
George E. Church, is chairman of the board of directors, M. H. Ward, Arrowwood, vice-chairman; D. H. Smith, Cereal, and R. Hennig, Fort Saskatchewan, Chas. A. Fawcett, Consort, are other members of the Board. Norman F. Priestley is manager, and Miss Eileen Birch secretary.

### Son of Dr. Corbett Killed

The many Alberta friends of Dr. A. E. Corbett, formerly director of the Department of Extension of the University of Alberta, now of Toronto, will learn with deep regret that he and Mrs. Corbett were notified recently that their elder son, F/O Bruce Corbett, missing since November 8th, had been killed, with all his crew, by enemy action over Burma.

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## Interests of The United Farm Women

### LENGTHENING DAYS

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Dear Farm Women:

And the winter is passing and already we are noting the lengthening of the days, especially in the afternoon. To the majority that is a matter of gratitude. To others, myself included, the short working day with the long winter evening is more to their liking. Of course I know quite well there may be a faint murmur here and there that one of the reasons may be that work is not the chief joy in life of such people. I shall not attempt to argue the subject. To comfort those more energetic people, I shall say that, just as for

everything else in life, we pay the price, for these long evenings come when the winter weather does not add to our comfort.

#### Changed Associations

And winter evenings are beginning to have different associations from those we ourselves first remember, are they not? And very different they are from those of which our fathers and mothers talked when the tallow candles supplied the light and the big, open fireplace the heat as far as it went. And how infinitesimal a time that is in the history of the life of man.

The radio is no doubt one of the biggest features in a great many homes during these winter evenings. We can hear the news of the day; we can travel far and wide; we can hear addresses on almost any subject in which we are interested; we can laugh with the comedians and be entertained by music the most varied.

In all, the radio seems to make for less reading-time than formerly although when looking at the list of papers, magazines, and pamphlets they seem on the increase. Here again we have a very wide choice. And the books! There are the old favorites we can re-read and the new ones with their fresher interest. There are few people who cannot find something to interest them either on the radio or the printed page.

#### A Most Interesting Pamphlet

May I suggest one little pamphlet which I think you would find of interest and I think you should read if you are interested in Education—and who is not? I think I commented before that I intended to make further reference to the Alberta School Trustees' Association Convention. However, they have issued a little booklet with three of their most interesting addresses and I think you will get more if you read this. The first one is "Education Grows Up", by Dr. Newland, the Supervisor of Schools for the Province; the second is "The Inclusion of Towns and Villages in School Divisions," and the third, "A Modern School in Alberta", by A. B. Evenson, Superintendent of Schools, Cardston.

These will give you food for thought as you go about your work. They can be obtained by writing the Alberta School Trustees' Association, Tegner Bldg., Edmonton. They are only fifteen cents, and are well worth it, I think you will find.

Yours sincerely,

H. ZELLA SPENCER.

Starline U.F.W.A. are helping arrange a clinic for pre-school children.

Energetic U.F.W.A. (Milk River) are contributing to the fund for a new community hall.

West Vale U.F.W.A. (Wanham) have decided to study a chapter of "Thirty Years of Progress" at each meeting.

A talk on sewing and remodelling old clothes, by Miss Esther Anderson, was sponsored recently by Craigmile U.F.W.A. and was well attended. A dance was arranged for this week, in aid of Red Cross and Prisoners of War funds.

Vulcan district recently suffered the loss of an old and esteemed resident in the death of Mrs. J. R. Stein. A former secretary of Berrywater U.F.W.A., Mrs. Stein later helped form the Mayview joint Local, and was convener of its women's committee for many years. She will be very greatly missed, writes Mrs. J. S. Smith.

## United Farm Women in Convention

THE U.F.W.A. is, and has been, an excellent training ground in citizenship. It has long been generally recognised that such training is a by-product of its more direct achievements. That the 1945 delegates were not less alert and responsible than those of other years was apparent to every observer, one significant bit of evidence being the impromptu roll call taken one morning during the recent Annual Convention which showed that, in spite of the opportunities for shopping or resting offered by a visit to the city, 82 of the 84 delegates were "on the job" of representing their respective Locals.

The office of chairman was efficiently filled by Mrs. Winifred Ross, President, and her assistants, and the smooth running of the Convention showed that painstaking preparations had been made.

#### War Work's Prominent Place

War work continues to hold a prominent place in U.F.W.A. activities, and one of the first reports given was that by Mrs. Ray Carter, war work convener, who reviewed the work of the Canadian Red Cross in general and of the U.F.W.A. in particular. During 1944, the organization had raised \$1,320 for the Prisoners of War Fund. Among Locals who have done a great deal of Red Cross work, she mentioned Glenada, which has contributed one quilt a week. Greetings were brought, in behalf of the Canadian Red Cross, by Mrs. Richard Proctor.

Mrs. F. C. Butterworth led a panel discussion by four members of the Regional Advisory Committee of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, and the same group presented a skit on the "woman who goes about spreading rumors of shortages". At her suggestion, the delegates voted to recommend that each Local appoint a member to study and explain bulletins sent out by the advisory committee.

Perhaps more time was given to the subject of co-operation than to any other. A survey of the co-operative movement in Canada and in Alberta was given by the convener, Mrs. W. L. Barker, who voiced a warning that co-operators must realize they cannot expect to reap the benefits of co-operative organizations without accepting their share of responsibility.

Co-operation must not be regarded just as a money-saving movement, but as a way of living, she said.

Credit unions were the chief topic of an address by F. J. Fitzpatrick, Supervisor of Co-operative Activities for the Provincial Government. A credit union, he said, was a means by which people could help themselves, and he urged the building up of large "reserve pools of credit" during good times, so that if depression came there would be a large amount to draw on. Credit Unions in Alberta had aggregate assets of \$900,000, and loans to members totalled \$2,500,000.

The history of the U.F.A. Central

Co-operative Association was traced by Wilfred J. Hoppins, supervisor of the Association's oil department. He pointed out the service that could be rendered by farm co-operatives in preserving a proper balance between labor, capital, and the primary producer. Later, the Convention voted to support the U.F.A. co-operative stores in Calgary and elsewhere in the Province.

Health services now available in Alberta were outlined by Mrs. George Inglis, convener for Health. Free clinic treatment is now given for a number of diseases, she said; there are seven Provincial clinics for treatment for venereal diseases; travelling clinics for physical and dental examination and minor surgery have been operated in the summer months since 1924; free institutional treatment is given for infectious types of tuberculosis and for paralysis due to poliomyelitis; and free hospitalization for maternity cases. In addition to the full-time health units, there were 36 district nurses serving the Province in 1944.

#### Would Eradicate Venereal Disease

Continuation of educational work with a view to stamping out venereal disease was urged by resolution, and stricter censorship of radio shows and films for children was urged. Other resolutions asked for obligatory pre-marital and pre-natal tests for venereal diseases, and for a campaign to render "typhoid carriers" harmless. The Provincial Government was asked to contribute towards providing care in municipal hospitals for elderly persons with chronic diseases.

Attitude tests for Grade Nine pupils, with a view to helping them choose vocations for which they were suited, were advocated by Mrs. W. C. Taylor, convener for Education. She also suggested greater use of moving pictures, "visual instruction", in our schools. Discussing educational work in U.F.W.A. Locals, she spoke of the growing interest in the use of round table discussions, and supplementary papers, to increase the usefulness of the bulletins sent out from Central Office.

Increase in the number of scholarships and bursaries were urged by resolution; it was also recommended that text books be made uniform throughout Canada; that revision of the High School curriculum should provide business, home economics, and mechanical courses; that the number of agricultural schools be increased; that a simplified co-operative method of buying school supplies be introduced into schools; and that moving picture machines be installed by all large school units; and that the Provincial Government give financial assistance to high school dormitories.

#### "Dressing Up" of Farms

"Dressing up" of farm homes with trees, shrubs, flower boxes and flowers were urged by Mrs. P. Powell, in her report on Horticulture. She also gave

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Probably the greatest need of Canada, after the war, will be to provide employment for all who wish to work, said Mrs. Anne Peters in her report on Social Planning and Welfare.

Mrs. Lorne Harris's report on Young People's Work was read by Mrs. Ross. Reports from most of the 28 active Junior U.F.A. Locals showed that the membership was energetic and ambitious, and deserving of help.

A survey of legislation of the past year, affecting the farm home, was presented by Mrs. Minot Stetson.

### Would Increase Old Age Pensions

Other resolutions passed by the U.F.W.A. Convention included a recommendation to the Provincial Government that rural electrification be made a post-war project, keeping in mind the idea of ultimate operation by public ownership; a request to the Federal Government that old age pensions be increased to \$50 a month, and paid to those 65 years old; a request to Robert Gardiner to write a book on economics for use in U.F.W.A. Locals; a protest against the manufacture of non-essential goods so as to make available such necessities as kitchen towels and children's underwear; a proposal that farm income tax be paid on the basis of a five-year average; and the suggestion that public and high school instruction, as well as university courses, be made available to discharged military personnel.

Food consumption had increased during the war, said Miss Alice Stevens, of Vernon, B.C., in an address on nutrition, but there was too small a consumption in Canada of vegetables, particularly raw and leafy green vegetables.

Other speakers included Hon. George Hoadley, chairman of the Health Study Bureau, Ottawa; and Lt. Jocelyn Page, C.W.A.C., social services officer.

### Officers Elected

Election of officers resulted in the returning of the executive for another term—Mrs. Winifred Ross, President, Mrs. M. E. Lowe and Miss Molly

## Farm Home and Garden

**Graham Pancakes:** Sift together 1 cup whole wheat or Graham flour, 1 cup white flour, 1-1/4 tsp. baking powder, 1/2 tsp. soda, 1 tsp. salt; add 2-1/2 cups sour milk, then 2 tbs. corn syrup and 4 tbs. cooking oil or melted butter. Cook over medium heat on griddle very lightly greased.

**Apple Sauce Cake:** Sift 3 cups flour with 2 tsp. each baking soda and cinnamon, pinch of salt and 1/2 tsp. cloves. Mix 1-1/2 cups mixed fruit (use raisins, currants, candied peel, nut meats or coconut) with 1/2 cup of flour mixture. Cream 1/2 cup mild flavored shortening with 1/2 cup honey, add 2 eggs, beat in 2 cups thick applesauce and flour, add fruit. Bake in a moderately slow oven.

**Baked Tomato and Cheese:** Beat 2 eggs, add 2 cups tomato juice, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1 tbs. minced onion. Cube 6 slices bread, thickly spread with cheese. Place a layer of bread cubes in greased baking dish, pour tomato mixture over; repeat until all ingredients are used. Oven poach 40 minutes.

Milk is the best known source of calcium (needed for strong bones and good teeth) and riboflavin (needed for strong nerves). Each adult should use a pint, a child at least 4 glasses daily. Part can be taken as cheese; or in the form of milk soups or milk puddings; or in cocoa; or (for adults) hot milk can be used with coffee—3/4 cup hot milk to 1/4 cup strong coffee.

**Your Working Table:** Is it the right height? If too low or too high, undue fatigue will be caused. Now is a good time for the man of the house to adjust it, if necessary.

Stockings will wear much longer, says the U.S. Department of Agriculture, if rubbed with parowax or ordinary wax candles, on heels and toes.

Seafeld U.F.W.A. (Ponoka) realized over \$110 from their recent bazaar.

Coupland, Vice-Presidents. Directors are: Mrs. N. B. Lehman, Camrose; Mrs. W. Schroter, Bremner; Mrs. A. Peters, Lethbridge; Mrs. A. Torrie, Tofield; Mrs. P. Powell, Bassano; Mrs. Bella Lyons, Westlock; Mrs. W. L. Barker, Calgary; Mrs. V. C. Flint, Beaverlodge; Mrs. W. C. Taylor, Edgerton; Mrs. M. Stetson, Fort Saskatchewan; Mrs. Geo. Inglis, Penhold and Mrs. H. Douglas, Vulcan.

In the handicrafts competitions, under the convener of Miss Molly Coupland, first prize for quilting went to Floral U.F.W.A. with Mrs. D. C. Whitney, Lacombe, in second place. Mrs. E. Weiss and Mrs. C. White, both of Camrose, won the rug-making prizes; Mrs. Weiss also took first place in crocheting, with Mrs. MacLachlan, Clyde, in second place. In the knitting section, prizes went to Mrs. C.P. Winter, Penhold, and Mrs. Weiss; and in embroidery to Mrs. A. Larson, Ponoka, and Miss Lillian Lambert, Picardville.

## To Perpetuate Work of Robert Gardiner in Scholarship Fund

Establishment of a Scholarship Fund in recognition of Robert Gardiner's outstanding work in the movement was decided on by unanimous vote of the Annual Convention of the U.F.A., on motion of Henry E. Spencer of Edgerton. The implementing of the terms of the resolution was placed by the Convention in the hands of the U.F.A. Executive. The scholarships will be available for outstanding students, at a Provincial Agricultural School.

Warm appreciation of Mr. Gardiner's work in the movement was expressed from the floor of the Convention, when the scholarship plan was under discussion and when (as reported in our last issue) he was made Honorary President of the Association. It was pointed out by I. V. Macklin of Grande Prairie that during much of his term of office as President, Mr. Gardiner had refused all remuneration except for out-of-pocket expenses.

Verdant Valley Local had suggested "some token" of appreciation be given by the Convention. All delegates and visitors subscribed to a presentation to Mr. Gardiner as a memento from them and directed the Board to select a suitable gift.

### A Job for Juniors

Young farm people throughout Canada should take on the job of organizing study groups in connection with the National Farm Radio Forum, declared H. H. Hannam, President of the C.F.A., during the annual meeting in Regina. "Young people have the enthusiasm and the vision to do this job," he said. Ralph Staples, national secretary, gave an account of the progress that has been made in the formation of groups in all parts of Canada to listen to the Farm Radio Forum broadcasts, discuss them, and report their conclusions to the Provincial centres. In this way, not only were members of the groups enabled to enlarge their knowledge of many matters; they were able also to present the consensus of opinion among farm people on any given subject.

—A.T.S.

Michael Farris organized Midway Junior U.F.A. in the Andrew district, and is its supervisor. Officers are Andy Pipella and John Tymchak.

Balzac Juniors recently sponsored a moving picture show in Balzac Hall, in aid of the Red Cross.

### Bailey Re-elected

R. H. M. Bailey was re-elected president of the Dairy Farmers of Canada at the recent meeting in Regina, and Erle Kitchen, of Woodstock, Ontario, is secretary, taking the place of V. S. Milvain, who resigned the office. R. Stanley, manager of the Northern Alberta Dairy Pool, was named to the executive committee.

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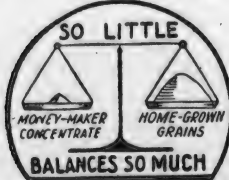
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#### U.F.A. CONVENTION (Continued from page 5)

In the course of a most interesting survey of the possibilities of tourist traffic, Dan E. C. Campbell, Provincial Government Director of Publicity, declared that this industry offered wide opportunities for suitable employment and rehabilitation of veterans, without creating new competition for labor and farmers; while it would bring Alberta's economy to a high state of balance.

#### Other Major Addresses

Two other major addresses of the week were those of Dean R. D. Sinclair of the Faculty of Agriculture of the University, who gave a most

valuable outline of the manner in which modern science and research are affecting the future of the chief primary industry; and Professor Stewart of the University of Alberta, who submitted expert information on the problems of rural electrification in Alberta. Under any such scheme, he said, those responsible "can't expect to charge rates that will cover cost, and they cannot carry out any scheme of general electrification of individual farms, but must deal with groups." Dean R. D. Sinclair substituted for Mr. Brownlee who had to cancel his engagement owing to a severe cold.

#### Eugene O'Neil Vice-President

The Convention re-elected Eugene O'Neil as Vice-President of the Association. Four names went to the ballot, those of J. M. Wheatley of Chancellor; Mr. O'Neil, Claresholm; Rudolph Hennig, Fort Saskatchewan; and A. B. Wood of Riverton. M. W. Ward was nominated but withdrew. Mr. O'Neil, who is 27, assured President Church of full co-operation.

#### Welcome Improved Relations

The delegates welcomed "improved relations between the farm organizations, U.F.A. and A.F.U." during the past year, and reaffirmed the stand taken by the 1944 Convention with respect to amalgamation, recognizing "the necessity for developing greater fundamental unity"; and urging "that the two organizations continue their work on behalf of the farm people with the maximum unity of purpose and that their Executive committees meet at least once each year, preferably more often, and through consultation and association co-ordinate their educational objectives, and that every effort, be made to present a common front in approaching other bodies in the interests of agriculture, with the ultimate aim of amalgamation."

The Central Board in their report to the Convention dealt with the two meetings held between the two Executives during the past year, stating that at these a cordial atmosphere was maintained and that matters of import-

## The Wheat Situation

By **LEONARD D. NESBITT**,  
Superintendent of Publicity,  
Alberta Wheat Pool

A wheat acreage of 67,731,000 is being asked for by the United States War Food Administration. It is quite likely that such a goal will be exceeded, as the winter wheat acreage seeded there last fall was larger than that of the previous year by 3,240,000 acres. The U.S. wheat acreage in 1944 was 65,684,000. The 1943 figures were 53,127,000 acres.

On the other hand, in Canada farmers are asked to seed only 21.5 million acres to wheat this year as against 23,284,200 acres last year. It seems rather unusual that the United States should be increasing its wheat acreage while the authorities in Canada are asking for a cut here. The reason given is that Canada expects a carry-over of around 350 million bushels which is considered too large for the prospective market.

Canadian farmers are asked to increase their acreage under oats by 12 per cent and under barley by 10 per cent; also that the summerfallow in Western Canada should consist of about 20 million acres this year. In the pre-war years summerfallow averaged 16.3 million acres but in 1941, due to the government bonus, it went up to 23 million acres.

#### Demand for Oats and Barley

Mainly because of the increase in herds and flocks there is a substantial demand for Canadian oats and barley. Production of these grains in recent years has been hardly enough to supply the domestic demand and export markets. The Federal Minister of agriculture says that even Australia is seeking to buy Canadian barley.

Reports from the United States main winter wheat region suggest that the weather has been favorable. Heavy snows have covered most of the crop, affording ample protection. Reports from Europe tell of very severe weather. Many parts of that continent have been experiencing unusually cold weather. Wherever there is ample snow covering this should not damage the crops, but wherever the snow is scant there will probably be severe damage.

After a mild fall and early winter a cold wave swept the prairies this week. Crop prospects for the coming season are only fair. Central and northern areas of Alberta have good reserves of moisture, but in the southern part of the Province the soil is quite dry. The same situation prevails in Saskatchewan.

## The Dairy Market

Prices at all Canadian points are at the ceiling, 35c for butter. Local butterfat is 32c plus 10c subsidy.

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ance to both organizations and particularly to the welfare of Agriculture, were very freely discussed. They believed that such meetings "are of value and will assist in creating a better understanding between the two bodies." It was pointed out that both have representatives on the A.F.A. Board. and the Board added, "We believe that as time passes the two organizations will be much nearer in regard to policy than they have been in the past," as both deal with problems of Agriculture, and stated, "provided there is no outside influence, it is to be expected they will eventually arrive at conclusions that will produce similar policies... when this time arrives, a discussion of the closer relationship of the two organizations will probably be more effective than at any time in the past."

Delegates asked the Alberta Power Commission to proceed with rural electrification in the parkland areas as a post-war measure.

(To be concluded in next issue)

## Livestock Markets Review

**EDMONTON STOCKYARDS.**—All classes of cattle moved readily during the past week at steady values. High for the week was \$11.75 for some choice steers, bulk of good to choice going at \$11 to \$11.50, down to \$8.00 for common kinds. Good to choice butcher heifers sold from \$10.50 down; the cow market held firm throughout, good kinds trading at \$7.50 to \$8; bulls sold from \$5 to \$7. Stockers and feeders in fair demand, a few selling from \$9 to \$9.50, the bulk trading from \$8 to \$8.50; common kinds being sold to packers at definitely low values. Veal calves steady, good handyweights \$11 to \$11.50, down to a low of \$5. Hogs steady at \$16.35 for Grade A, \$15.95 for B1, sows liveweight \$9.75. The lamb market advanced to \$11.25 to \$11.75 for good handyweights; yearlings \$7 down.

**CALGARY STOCKYARDS.**—The cattle market has been moderately active. Hogs sold Jan. 30th at \$16.55 to \$16.60 Grade A yards and plants, sows \$9.75 liveweight. Good handyweight lambs \$12 to \$12.75; butcher steers \$11 to \$11.85, down to \$9 for common kinds; good to choice butcher heifers \$10 to \$11, down to a low of \$8.50; good cows \$8 to \$8.50, down to \$6.25; canners and cutters, \$4 to \$6; good to choice veal calves \$10 to \$11, down to a low of \$8.50.

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## James Jackson Heads Farmers' Union Again --Pass 'Action Program'

### Convention Proposes Compulsory Membership in Farm Organizations—Resolutions Adopted

James Jackson was re-elected President of the Alberta Farmers' Union, at the third annual convention held in Edmonton last week. Vice-Presidents are Wm. Hawreluk, Wasele; Henry G. Young, Millet; Chester McGowan, Hairy Hill; L. E. Pharis, Magrath. A year-round resolutions committee was elected, members being R. N. Russell, Athabasca, A. D. Olsen, Homegren, and C. J. Stimpfle, Egremont, with A. A. Anderson, Drumheller and W. E. Wilson as alternates.

Provincial legislation which would provide for collection of membership dues of farm organizations through Municipal Districts was asked in a resolution passed by the delegates.

Compulsory membership was proposed in the resolution.

#### Principal Resolutions

An "action program" passed by the convention included sections asking for floor prices until a proper system of parity prices were instituted, with review and adjustment every six months, and urging income tax exemption for single persons with an income of less than \$1,000 and married persons with less than \$2,000. Other sections dealt with pensions, co-operative financing, marketing, crop insurance, electrification, and industry.

The Executive was instructed to take action looking to the amalgamation with the United Farmers of Alberta. In his address to the A.F.U. banquet, President George Church of the U.F.A. said he was satisfied amalgamation would occur at some time in the future, and declared that in the meantime "most cordial relationships" existed between the executives of the two organizations, and that the U.F.A.

### CANADIAN FEDERATION

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producer organization and control of marketing of their products, urged a Federal Co-operative Act, and approved a draft bill submitted by the B.C. Federation.

#### War Assets Corporation

Realization of the importance of agriculture was general among the members of the Board of War Assets Corporation, and the Minister in charge was sympathetic to suggestions from agriculture, said R. D. Purdy, agricultural representative on the Board.

He had suggested, however, that his own efforts should be supplemented by a "contact man" appointed by the C.F.A., who would act continuously. While some air stations were being closed down, Mr. Purdy said, there was a disposition on the part of the Government to hold equipment in abeyance.

Describing the steps taken in making material available, Mr. Purdy said the armed forces first declared material to be surplus, then other Government departments considered

executive and board would be "only too glad to sit down with your men and discuss farm problems."

#### Affiliation With Trade Unions

Affiliation with trades unions was also proposed, in a resolution passed by the convention; other resolutions asked for equal representation from primary farm organizations and co-operatives in the Alberta Federation of Agriculture; reaffirmed the neutrality of the organization in politics; asked that the Federal Government grant the franchise to persons reaching the age for military service; urged that farmers be allowed to purchase gasoline in barrels, on surrender of coupons; and recommended that farm machinery be standardized.

A brief protesting against the taxation of co-operatives was presented by the organization to the Royal Commission sitting in Edmonton while the convention was in progress.

the possibility of using it; then an allocation committee recommended to the Minister methods of disposition, and finally the material was turned over to the War Assets Corporation. Provinces had priority (after other Federal Departments) in purchase of material, then municipalities, and finally the general public.

#### About Ten Billions

It was expected that surplus war material to be disposed of would reach a total value of about ten billions, and it was hoped to recover about 25 per cent of this amount; in the U.S., it was estimated that about \$75 billions worth of material would be disposed of, and a recovery of 20 per cent was hoped for. UNRRA, said Mr. Purdy, provided an outlet for enormous quantities of second-hand goods; and a plant was in operation for the renovation of garments, dyeing of uniforms, etc. Mr. Purdy warned that some interests who were seeking advantages in connection with surplus war material were aggressive and "always in evidence, under the table and on the table."

A resolution asking that appropriate war assets be retained as public utilities or turned over to farm co-operatives or other farm organizations, was referred to the Board for further study and action.

#### Veterans Affairs

During discussion on the Veteran Land Act, Mr. Thompson, representing the Department of Veterans' Affairs, was present and answered a number of questions. He explained that the maximum loan for land and equipment was \$4,800, of which \$1,200 was allotted for livestock and equipment, either or both, with the provision that at the end of ten years, if the settler had lived up to his land contract, this charge of \$1,200 would be wiped out entirely. Answering the criticism that \$1,200 was insufficient for purchase of livestock and equipment, Mr. Thompson pointed out that it was not anticipated veterans would be returning to civilian life empty-

handed, and that in fact the Act stipulated that they should be able to put up a least ten per cent of the land purchase price themselves. As to repayment, amortized payments over 25 years would total only \$53 over the amount of \$4,800, for instance.

No arrangements had been made for purchase of land or equipment co-operatively, said Mr. Thompson, though it would be possible for veterans to operate their farms co-operatively by each purchasing one piece of equipment. In event of a veteran getting into arrears in his payments, arrangements had been made that before repossession of land the case would be reviewed by an advisory committee consisting of a district court judge, and representatives of the Canadian Legion and the Department.

#### C.C.I.L.

Reporting on the Canadian Co-operative Implements, Limited, L. J. Bright, Bylvea, Sask., said that with 34,581 members so far a grand total of \$626,252 had been raised. During the recent campaigns \$284,707 was raised in Saskatchewan and \$100,000 in Manitoba, with the drive in Alberta to be begun shortly. When \$750,000 has been raised, the Governments of the three Prairie Provinces will lend a similar amount, and other co-operatives will give financial aid. The organization plans to handle products of established factories, said Mr. Bright.

#### Officers Re-elected

At the board meeting following the Convention, officers were elected, the same slate being returned—H. H. Hannam, President, W. J. Parker, First Vice-President, J. A. Marion, Second Vice-President, and Colin G. Groff, Secretary-Treasurer.

#### Convention Decisions

Other decisions reached by the meeting will be summarized in our next issue.

Recommendations from the Dairy Farmers of Canada were endorsed, and will be dealt with in our next issue.

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## MUSTARD AND CRESS

By SYDNEY MAY

Hello, Folks!

Gosh! We're all behind in what's going on in the world. Yep, we haven't seen *The Western Farm Leader* for a couple of issues.

Nevertheless, our Northern Spy informs us that while in Edmonton the U.F.A. delegates behaved themselves in a "Conventional" manner.

And that reminds Knotty Frankie that a conference is a group of men and women who individually can do nothing, but as a group can meet and decide nothing can be done.

But the editor of this great family journal, who has just returned from Edmonton, insists that this decidedly does not apply to the U.F.A. parley.

### GOD OF OUR FATHERS

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God who has given  
The light to our lives;  
Clear a world darkened,  
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Be God of our sons.

Let not the foe  
Loved God of our might  
Blind our sons' eyes  
To the Source of all Right;  
Wipe out the rancor  
And silence the guns;  
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We are your children,  
Erring and weak,  
But knowing that peace  
Cannot come till You speak;  
God of our Hope,  
Crush the go's of the Huns;  
Be God of our children,  
And God of their sons.

"The Recorder".

Columnist Carroll of the *Coronet* declares that Winston Churchill hates American slang. Oh, hum, didn't Carroll hear that famous: "Some Chicken! Some Neck!"?

### BRUTUS ALSO SLEEPS!

Under the caption "Caesar Nods" the *Winnipeg Free Press* corrects a grammatical slip of President Roosevelt in the use of the word "lay" by pointing out that "only 'hens' lay down on the job."

For the benefit of the *Winnipeg Free Press* our pet rooster points out that hens do not "lay" down on the job. On the contrary, they "sit" down to lay an egg.

### WHY TEACHERS GET GRAY

"The sins of omission are the sins we should have omitted but didn't."

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And it's alright, says the Bad Egg of Crow's Nest, to hoard paper, provided it's in Victory Bonds.

As Jac Friedenberg will not say, the nicest thing about these swing orchestras is that you can't tell whether they're tuning up or playing a piece.

### THESE ARE TERRIBLE

Li'l Goldilocks, our office vamp, never misses a good looking male visitor. The other day she lamped a guy from Coleman.

That, of course, was before he got all "lit" up or even well "oiled".

Yep, and sophisticated Sally intimates that Goldie got a new "mantle" out of him.

By this time, snickers Chuck of Chuckawalla, Hitler has probably discovered that even a paper hanger can't cover the hand writing on the wall.

Ah, well, after all, it's only a goose who can be taken in by propa ganda.

### ISN'T IT THE TRUTH

When you've made up your mind that something can't be done that's the time to do it.

Oh yes, and before starting in to "keep up with the Joneses" it's a good thing to make sure they're going your way.

### KEEP THE HOME FARMS CHURNING!

### Delegates See New Film Board Pictures, Regina

To bring the work of the National Film Board to the attention of the farm leaders gathered in Regina for the annual meeting of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, a showing of new films was presented by Miss Helen Watson, supervisor of rural distribution for the Board. The films included two from the U.S., "Trees to Tame the Wind", a presentation of the Forest Service of that country, and "Planning or a Saneer World," recording in sound and picture the last biennial congress of the Co-operative League of the U.S.A. Three productions of the Film Board were shown, a five-minute "Sing Song", a color film "Just Weeds", and "Lessons in Living". The latter portrays the transforming of a bleak, neglected schoolhouse and its bored, reluctant inhabitants into a cheerful, attractive centre of community life. The change was wrought by co-operative efforts of children and adults, officials and community. Some of the background "shots" of sea and woods added greatly to the entertainment value of this picture. Incidentally, the assistant director was an Alberta farm girl, Miss Edith Spencer, formerly of Edgerton, now Mrs. G. L. Osberg. —A.T.S.

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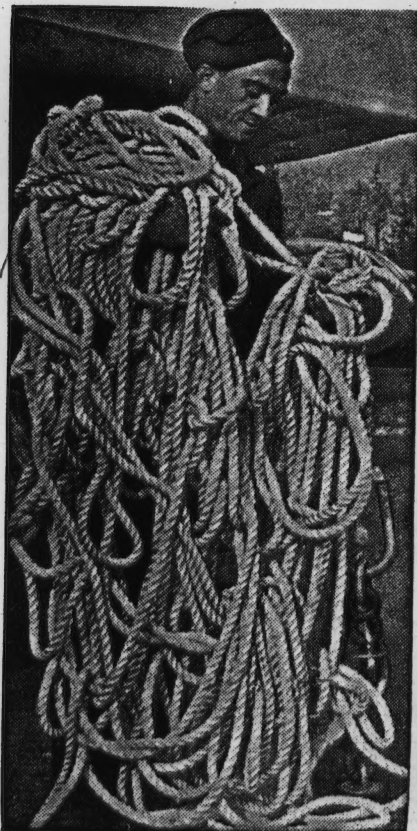
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### Caught Again



When the 25-year-old English dancer Elizabeth Drewery (above) first had crossed the Atlantic stowed away on a Liberator and was allowed to stay in Canada, she made headlines. Recently she tried to stow away in a U.S. port on a ship headed for Russia. This time she was caught and given the choice of returning to Canada or being deported.